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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CG, AO, US

SUBJECT: ANGOLAN CHARGES OF ALLEGED ZAIRIAN-US PLOT  
AGAINST ANGOLA

REF: KINSHASA 1685 (NOTAL)

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1. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED  
FEBRUARY 26 ON  
NETO CHARGE THAT US MILITARY ELEMENTS, IN COLLUSION  
WITH ZAIRE, ARE PREPARING "A MILITARY OPERATION" AGAINST  
ANGOLA:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON CHARGES BY ANGOLAN

-- PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO THAT AMERICAN MILITARY  
-- PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED IN AN ALLEGED MILITARY  
-- OPERATION PLANNED BY ZAIRE AGAINST CABINDA AND  
-- ANGOLA PROPER IN SEPT. - OCT. OF THIS YEAR?

ANSWER: WE ARE AWARE OF REPORTS OF THESE CHARGES BUT

-- HAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION ON THEM. WE CAN  
-- STATE CATEGORICALLY, HOWEVER, THAT NO US  
-- MILITARY PERSONNEL, OR ANY OTHER AMERICANS  
-- OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE US GOVERNMENT

-- IN ANY WAY, ARE INVOLVED IN PLANNING OR  
-- PARTICIPATING IN ANY OPERATION OF ANY KIND AGAINST  
-- CABINDA OR ANGOLA PROPER.

-- I WOULD NOTE THAT BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY  
-- VANCE HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN FINDING WAYS  
-- TO MOVE TOWARDS NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS  
-- WITH ANGOLA. PRESIDENT CARTER INDICATED THIS AS  
-- RECENTLY AS FEBRUARY 16 DURING HIS VISIT TO THE  
-- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

2. ONLY ACCOUNTS OF NETO CHARGES RECEIVED IN DEPT  
SO FAR HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED BY HAVANA RADIO AND OFFICIAL  
CUBAN NEWS AGENCY PRENSA LATINA. ACCORDING TO ONE  
ACCOUNT, NETO PLANS FOLLOW UP WITH REQUESTS THAT OAU  
AND UN SECURITY COUNCIL "INTERVENE TO PUT AN END TO  
THESE ATTACKS."

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